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SUBJECT: SADDAM HUSSEIN TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA

1. THE DIRECTOR OF ARAB AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ABD AR RAHMAN AL-QADI, INFOMRED US MARCH 29 THAT RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN APRIL. AL-QADI CHARACTERIZED SAUDI-IRAQI RELATIONS AS PRESENTLY QUITE GOOD AND SAID THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN'S VISIT IS A NATURAL FOLLOW-ON TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO IRAQ LAST YEAR.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SAUDI-IRAQI BORDER HE SAID THAT THE SUBJECT IS NOW EFFECTIVELY CLOSED FOLLOWING THE SIGNING LATE LAST YEAR OF A BORDER AGREEMENT BY INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGREEMENT IS NOT YET FINAL AS IT HAS YET TO BE APPROVED BY THE SAUDI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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